

Claim Amendments
With complete listing of all claims

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) A method of sealing an open end of a resinous tube comprising the steps of:

pressure-fitting a pouring-out end of the resinous tube in a conveying jig;

holding a the pouring-out threaded end of the resinous tube in a the conveying jig;

placing the conveying jig on a receiving portion of a conveying apparatus;

conveying the conveying jig with the conveying apparatus into a seal portion heating apparatus;

stopping the conveying apparatus;

ascending an ascending/descending member so that the conveying jig is placed on an upper portion of the ascending/descending member;

separating the conveying jig from a receiving portion of the conveying apparatus with the ascending/descending member;

advancing the ascending/descending member until inserting a heating apparatus having spouting holes is inserted into an open end portion of the resinous tube opposing the threaded pouring-out end;

blowing hot blow from the spouting holes of the heating apparatus;

rotating the ascending/descending member and engaged conveying jig simultaneously during the step of blowing hot blow, whereby an inner peripheral portion of the open end portion of the resinous tube is uniformly softened and melted;

removing the heating apparatus from the open end of the resinous tube; and

clamping the open end of the resinous tube,
whereby the open end of the resinous tube is securely sealed.

4. (Cancelled)